

Migration and Inequality

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Discussant: Andrés Villarreal

Andrés Villarreal is Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles. He conducts research in the areas of international migration, race and ethnicity, social stratification, and health in social context. In an ongoing research project, he is examining the long-term economic assimilation of immigrants and their descendants in the United States using administrative records.



While the sociology of immigration has been traditionally concerned with the issue of immigrant assimilation, a recent shift in migration research has been increasingly relating it to social inequality and stratification scholarship, yet in fragmented ways. In this talk, I will outline a unified conceptual framework analyzing migration as a case study for inequality theory. I distinguish three channels through which migration potentially reshapes inequality: the economic channel stemming from the international division of labor, the political channel linked to legal and administrative categorization, and the symbolic channel associated with group boundary-making. The talk will draw on theoretical and empirical research that has been produced in American and European contexts, with specific highlights on the French case.

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